

Council Meeting Called to Order

Welcome – Mayor Brannon

Prayer –Kitty Scott

Pledge of Allegiance –Councilman Billy Mauldin

Official Roll Call

Steve Brannon (Mayor) Present

Steve Fain (Post 1) Present

Jerry Mauldin (Mayor Pro-Tem - Post 3) – Present

Haley Black (City Clerk) Present

Members of the Community - 20

Junior Holsomback (Post 2) Present

Billy Mauldin (Post 4) Present

Herman Clark (City Attorney) Absent

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion: Billy Mauldin

Second: Jr Holsomback

All in favor

Announcements & Updates

- Pump @ Station #2 back in services after going down. – Trash is the biggest culprit in stopping up the pumps. Mayor mentioned having a pump truck come to clean out the garbage to help resolve the issue.
- Garbage Service Startup. To date 48 customers are receiving service. High praises of the new service.
- LMIG Application for Pine Street submitted.
- Pump Station #1 Security fence completed. Cost \$5,610.00
- Spring crafts event scheduled. (Holly Young coordinator).- Planning has begun for the annual Fairmount Fun Day Vendor Event, projected date May 20th.

New Business

1. Reviewed/discussed land use and future development from NW Ga Regional Commission.
2. Motion made by Jerry Mauldin and seconded by Billy Mauldin to accept and submit the BAS (Boundary & Annexation Survey) Report to the Dept of Commerce. All in favor.
3. 2024 SPLOST negotiations begin for the next 6 years collection and use of the SPLOST (Special Purpose Local Options Sales Tax).
4. 2023 policy for sick and vacation was reviewed and discussed, then tabled. Motion made by Jr Holsomback and seconded by Billy Mauldin to hold a special meeting Thursday February 9, 2023 at 4 pm. All in favor. All employees time suspended until resolved.
5. Grant opportunity land and water conservation fund for recreation projects. No comments.
6. Interest letter presented asking to lease/purchase our wastewater plant for a solar plant.
7. Motion made by Steve Fain to accept the Gordon County Emergency Operations Plan, seconded by Jerry Mauldin, all in favor.
8. Motion made by Jr Holsomback to create a City retirement plan through Edward Jones, allowing employees to now have retirement with the City through a Simple IRA. Seconded by Steve Fain, All in favor.
9. Motion made by Steve Fain to accept the COLA (cost of living adjustment) of a 5% raise across the board for all employees, excluding police officers. In lieu of a raise, the PD opted for take home police cars. Motion seconded by Billy Mauldin, motion passed with 3 yes' from councilman Steve Fain, Jerry Mauldin, and Billy Mauldin. One No by Jr Holsomback. Strict guidelines will be set for the take home cars. Pay increase will go into effect February 13th at the start of a new pay period.

Citizen Comments or Concerns

(No one signed up to speak)

Kitti Scott made mention of hosting a Farmers Market. The City currently does host a Farmer’s Market, with little participation from sellers.

Adjourn

Motioned by Jr Holsomback, Seconded Steve Fain, all in favor. Meeting adjourned 7:21 pm.

Steve Brannon, Mayor

Date: _____

Haley Black, City Clerk